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DeaFestival '98 to be on Sunday, September 6, 1998 - The Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will present the third annual DeaFestival on Sunday, September 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Kentucky Center for the Arts and Beveledere, which overlooks the Ohio River, in Louisville, Kentucky. The day will celebrate the work of deaf artists and performers. Interactive events will feature storytellers, poets, comedians, clowns, and teachers making



Clown from DeaFestival '97.

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presentations towards understanding American Sign Language, deaf culture, and deaf history.

For details, please contact Virginia Moore, Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, (800) 372-2907 (V/TTY). Also, please visit us on the Web for more details and an opportunity to request a copy of the official DeaFestival '98 poster! www.state.ky.us/agencies/KCDHH.

Dr. Jim Klotter has left his position as Kentucky Historical Society director to become a member of the Georgetown College faculty. He will continue as the State Historian.



The second annual **Festival of Kentucky Folklife**, the state's largest outdoor exhibition of living traditions, will be held September 17-20, 1998, in downtown Frankfort, Kentucky.

Folklife Festival Schedule Old Capitol Grounds – Frankfort Thursday, September 17

9:00 – 5:00	Music, Crafts and Food demonstrations
12:00 Noon	Opening Ceremony
5:30 – 8:00	Kentucky Opries and Jamborees

Folklife Festival Schedule Old Capitol Grounds – Frankfort Friday, September 18

9:00 – 5:00	Music, Crafts and Food demonstrations
5:30 – 8:00	Kentucky Opries and Jamborees
7:00 – 11:00	Kentucky String Concert

Folklife Festival Schedule Old Capitol Grounds – Frankfort Saturday, September 19

10:00 – 8:00	Music, Crafts and Food demonstrations
7:00 – 11:00	Kentucky Women and Their Music Dedicated to Lily May Ledford

Folklife Festival Schedule Old Capitol Grounds – Frankfort Sunday, September 20

12 Noon	Music, Crafts and Food demonstrations Gospel Sing
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FolkLife Program Welcomes Volunteers From All Agencies for September Festival

- As plans are underway for the second annual Festival of Kentucky Folklife, team leaders recognize the success of last year's festival hinged on the volunteer staff.

This year's festival, scheduled for September 17-20, in Frankfort promises to be bigger and better, and once again will need a cast of volunteers.

Many volunteers from last years found it to be a very rewarding experience, both educationally and socially. The educational component has grown considerably, hosting 8,200 students from schools that have registered from across the commonwealth. Volunteers will be needed to serve in many capacities. If you have special skills you would like to share, like introducing students to artists at the festival, retail experience, or presenting narrative interpretation, your talents are welcome. If your talents aren't so specific, but you'd like to lend a hand; training comes quickly and generalists (sometimes known as gophers) are always the best help!

The Festival of Kentucky Folklife is sponsored by the Kentucky Folklife Program, an interagency of the Kentucky Arts Council and the Kentucky Historical Society. To sign up, contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Brent Bjorkman, Kentucky Folklife Program, Kentucky 40601.

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Demonstration of Rolley Hole marble playing, 1997 FolkLife Festival



Governor's Scholars Education Ambassadors Receive Scholarship Awards

- Education Ambassadors received nearly \$30,000 in scholarship awards

with 58 of the ambassador volunteers earning \$500 each. The high school seniors volunteered, while on the Governor's Scholars campuses, to serve Kentucky as Education Ambassadors and fulfill requirements through activities such as leading group dialogue sessions about their schools with students, teachers and parents; working with their legislators to bring about positive change in public education; networking to gain support for public schools with education and civic organizations; writing letters to newspaper editors about the beneficial aspects of education reform and speaking to school and civic organizations about their positive public education experiences. The Ambassadors earned credits toward the scholarship awards for each completed activity. The Partnership for Kentucky Schools sponsors the Education Ambassador program.



KET wins five regional Emmy awards

- KET was honored with five regional Emmy awards presented by the Ohio Valley chapter of the Midwestern Region of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

"We are extremely proud of the hard work that led to these awards," said KET Executive Director and CEO Virginia G. Fox. To have been nominated for a record eight Emmys and then to receive five awards is an honor for each and every member of our staff."

KET's *Kentucky Life* series won its second Emmy in two years. A segment of the series about the DiMarias of Danville, a family that has adopted deaf girls, received an Emmy in the Features/Entertainment category. The program segment was produced by Kelli Summers Moore. *Kentucky Life* is produced by Joy Flynn.

In the Arts and Culture program category, producer/director Guy Mendes received an Emmy for the documentary *Signature: Barbara Kingsolver*. Kingsolver is a Kentucky native whose works include "The Bean Trees" and "Animal Dreams." *Signature* is a nationally-distributed documentary series on southern writers. Mendes and Paul Wagner won the same award last year for a *Signature* program about Frankfort native George C. Wolfe.

KET videographer Frank Simkonis received an Emmy in the Photography category, along with Chuck Burgess in the Audio: Post-Production category for their contribution to *Street Skills*, KET's four-part instructional series for teens on safe-driving. *Street Skills* is produced by Janet Whitaker.

The weekly public affairs program *Kentucky Tonight* received an Emmy in the Interview/Discussion program category for a program featuring a discussion of same-sex marriage. *Kentucky Tonight*, hosted by Bill Goodman and produced by Deidre Clark, airs on KET Mondays at 8/7 p.m. C.T.

Other KET productions nominated for regional Emmy awards include *The Secret Commonwealth, Part I*, a live performance of a Daniel Dutton story produced by Vince Spoelker; "The Art of Driving," the first program in the *Street Skills* series; and a *Kentucky Life* segment produced by Charlee Heaton and Donna Ross profiling independent filmmaker Andy Garrison and the Louisville dance troupe Barking Dog.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet surpassed its goal for the 1998 March of Dimes WalkAmerica!

GOAL: \$2,500
RAISED: \$2,646



Department of Education's Communications Efforts Under New Leadership

- An award-winning journalist has accepted the leadership role in the Department of Education's communications efforts.

Hunt Helm is the department's new associate commissioner of communications. During 20 years of experience as a reporter and supervising editor for the Louisville Courier-Journal, he won national awards for investigative and business/consumer reporting. In 1988 he was a team leader and a chief writer in reporting that won the staff a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the tragic Carrollton bus crash.

Helm, who holds a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a master's degree from Indiana University, joined the department May 26. His duties include overseeing media relations, video production, graphics and publications for internal and external audiences. He can be reached by e-mail at hhelm@kde.state.ky.us. The phone number is (502) 564-3421. The mailing address is Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



Hunt Helm, Associate
Commissioner of Communications



Kentucky Arts Council Leads the Way for Route 23 Cultural Tourism Plan

- The Route 23 Corridor Project will ultimately result in a cultural tourism plan, designed by the communities along the corridor to enhance economic development in Greenup, Boyd, Johnson, Lawrence, Floyd, Pike, and Letcher counties.

Recent recipient of the Governor's Award in the Arts, Judy Sizemore, has been selected as project coordinator. She oversees the collaborative planning of community-based arts organizations, local governments, tourist and convention bureaus, economic development offices, Main Street Managers, area development districts, historical societies, and other interested stakeholders. She also acts as the conduit for technical assistance from collaborating state agencies; presenting implementation strategies that evolve from the planning process.

Sizemore visited Boyd, Lawrence, Johnson, Floyd and Letcher counties to organize local meetings, as a precursor to the larger Route 23 visioning meeting of April 23rd. There was an excellent turn out at all of these meetings, with a cross section of people from tourism, arts media, and business. Church leaders, extension agents, librarians, teachers, local government officials,

and other interested citizens were also on hand for these preliminary planning sessions.

To become involved in this planning project or for more information, contact: Chris Harp, Community Arts Director for KAC; (502) 564-3757, toll free 1-888-833-ARTS, e-mail charp@arts.smag.state.ky.us or Judy Sizemore, Project Coordinator, (606) 264-5831, e-mail clock@prtcnet.org.



14th Kentucky Archives Institute Held on July 10 at KDLA

- "Archival, Genealogical, and Historical Information on the Internet" was the theme of the 14th annual Kentucky Archives Institute held on Friday, July 10, at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, in Frankfort.

Among the day's headliners was Roseann Hogan, author of *Kentucky Ancestry*, who spoke on "Using the Internet for Genealogical Research," and Nancy Trice, state coordinator for the KyGen Web Project. KDLA staff members Jane Minder and Barbara Teague offered presentations on KDLA's online catalog of archival materials (its unveiling to the public), and on using KDLA's home page on the Internet. The Institute concluded with an hour of free time on the Internet, with staff instruction for participants. To see the full program, visit the KDLA website at www.kdla.state.ky.us/arch/archinst.htm.

The 14th annual Institute was sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., and by KDLA's Public Records Division. The day's events were held in the Archives Research Room on the first floor of the KDLA building, with 80 participants attending.

The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. is an association of private citizens concerned with the proper management, preservation, and use of the historical public records of the Commonwealth. Membership is open to all, and further information about joining is available at (502) 564-8300. Mark your calendars for next year's Institute, to be held on July 9, 1999.



Roseann Hogan, author of *KENTUCKY ANCESTRY*, talks about using the Internet for genealogical research.



Three Year High Average Salary at Retirement - Currently, all members who retire from the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (KTRS) have their annuity computed utilizing their five highest salaries.

The KTRS proposed and the Governor and General Assembly approved legislation effective July 1, 1998, that permits members to retire utilizing their three highest salaries provided the retiring member has at least 27 years of Kentucky service and is at least 55 years old.

The law change is an attempt to try to encourage members to reach 27 years service credit and be age 55 prior to retiring. Members have been retiring much earlier over the past several years and this law change hopefully will encourage some members to teach longer in exchange for an increased annuity by utilizing their three high salary years at retirement as opposed to their five highest years.



Summer is almost over, and the History Center construction is in the final stages. This major new statewide destination for Kentuckians and tourists is also a greatly anticipated addition to the Frankfort community. When it opens in April 1999, the History Center will feature programs and activities developed by all the agencies of the Education, Arts & Humanities Cabinet demonstrating the Cabinet's continuous involvement in Kentucky history, culture and education.

I look forward to seeing you at the **DeaFestival** at the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville on September 6, and the **Festival of Kentucky Folklife** on the Old Capitol Grounds in Frankfort September 17-20. Finally, watch the KET September listings for the air date of the next **In Performance at the Governor's Mansion** which features former Louisville resident and jazz legend, Lionel Hampton.

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